

This week I am proud to recognize and honor the service of Nurse Practitioners in the State of Florida. During this International Year of the Nurse, it is imperative that we recognize the sacrifice that so many have made in order to keep us safe and healthy.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM B. MARTIN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Martin of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Navy. He is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Martin for his service to our nation and our community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
JAVIER ESTADES AND HIS SERVICE
TO THE CIGAR ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Javier Estades.

Javier was born in Spain, but went on to receive his undergraduate degree from George Washington University right here in Washington—his first real formal contact with the U.S.

Javier then went back to Europe where he went on to receive his MBA and start his career working for large, fast-moving consumer companies. Then, about 15 years ago, he was hired by Altadis to manage the mass market team in Spain. As he progressed through the company, he was eventually hired to run the Altadis team right here in the United States and he immigrated here nearly 10 years ago.

Javier Estades now serves as the president and chief executive officer of Tabacalera USA, which oversees Imperial Brands' premium cigar businesses, including Altadis U.S.A., JR Cigar and Casa de Montecristo.

And for the past five years, Javier has headed the Cigar Association of America—a national trade association representing cigar manufacturers, importers, and distributors, as well as other major suppliers of the industry. The CAA is proactive in defending its mem-

bers, their businesses and other like-minded associations. It also has an extensive network established to monitor and act on federal, state and local regulations that could have an impact on its members and the cigar industry at large. The organization's bylaws have been amended several times to allow for Javier Estades to serve multiple terms as the organization's chairman—something which I think speaks directly to his unwavering leadership to build deep relationships and be an effective advocate for his industry.

Javier is deeply knowledgeable of every aspect of his industry and is so well-versed he can go toe-to-toe with just about anyone on any issue.

His time as Chairman of the Cigar Association of America was marked by an almost overwhelming number of challenges, yet Javier seemed to navigate them all with ease, simply because of the type of person he is.

It has been a real honor and joy to get to know Javier over the last five years and I hope he enjoys his retirement from heading the CAA—maybe even with a cigar.

IN HONOR OF LILLIAN JENNINGS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillian Jennings of Huntingdon County for her service in the United States Navy. She is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for her service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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TRIBUTE TO TOM KARLO

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of my fellow members of the San Diego Congressional Delegation, I would like to pay tribute to Tom Karlo, the General Manager of KPBS in San Diego.

After 47 years with the station, Tom is retiring. These days, very few of us can say we have been with the same organization for nearly 50 years. But when you have, as Tom says, the best job in the world, it's not surprising.

While Tom has been a fixture at KPBS, KPBS is a longtime respected fixture when it comes to news in San Diego. And Tom deserves credit for that.

We in San Diego are very proud of KPBS, and it is no surprise that it is the highest-rated public television station in America. Every week, more than 1.2 million people tune in on television or radio or click or stream KPBS content.

During Tom's tenure, KPBS's top-notch journalists, producers, and crew have won numerous awards both locally and regionally, as well as nationally. I know my colleagues can attest along with me that when you are interviewed by KPBS you had better be prepared because they certainly would be.

Tom himself has won three local Emmy awards.

When I joined KPBS as a community producer in the late '70s, Tom had already been there a few years. As a student at San Diego State University studying film and television, he was hired as a part-time assistant in 1973. We worked together during several years of public television auctions (some of us remember those days) and he was truly a man of many disciplines.

He has done just about every job—director, producer, assistance cameraman. In 2009, he was elevated to General Manager and we find ourselves working together again as he would come to Washington, D.C., for what was a common goal for all of us: protecting vital federal funding for public broadcasting.

Over the years, while his roles have changed, one constant has been Tom's self-effacing manner.

His retirement will be our loss, but it will be his family's gain. He is no doubt looking forward to spending more time with them, especially his grandchildren.

My colleagues, Reps. SCOTT PETERS, JUAN VARGAS, and MIKE LEVIN, and I would like to wish Tom all the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF DARLA HOMAN

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darla Homan of Huntingdon County for her service in the United States Army. She is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for her service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

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